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SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026



5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:25

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BELONG, BELIEVE, BECOME

Here at St. Gabriel, we strive to embrace these values:

Belong (You are loved here) *Believe* (Discover Christ with us)

Become (Be transformed)

Whoever you are, wherever you are in faith or life, if church is new to you, or you've been away – you are always welcome here. When you feel called to make this place your spiritual home, we warmly invite you to join our parish family by visiting, calling, or emailing the parish office.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 5:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am
11:30am, 6:00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday | 9:00am
Tuesday | 6:30am, 9:00am
Wednesday | 6:30am, 9:00am
Thursday | 6:30am, 9:00am
Friday | 9:00am
Saturday | 9:00am
Holy Days | See bulletin for schedule

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

"FOURTH DAY" SITUATIONS

I know you've been loving these long Gospels. (Don't worry – next week on Palm Sunday, we have the longest reading in the whole Liturgical Year: Matthew's account of the Passion.)

But, isn't there such *power* in hearing these long "stories?" Stories is such a weak word. These are "events!" Events, not just in Jesus' life, but events in the lives of real people – the Woman at the Well, the Man Born Blind, and today, the Raising of Lazarus from the Dead. And not only for those "supporting" characters (Jesus is always the main character), but in the lives of all those who witnessed such amazing events!

Today, we have the most dramatic event of all three before Holy Week: Lazarus. The story of this event is just one big exercise of TRUST. I don't know – I think if God had a primary love-language, it would be TRUST. Like, that's how he receives our love, and how he must *love* to be trusted, more than anything. And I think that's built up *over time*. We trust gravity because we've seen it work. You trust that McDonald's fries are always going to be good: here, in Taiwan, in the Philippines, in Phoenix...(And they usually are!) Perhaps, God just desires to be trusted.

Martha, Mary, and Lazarus (siblings), were close friends of Jesus. Just to know that Jesus had "friends" is amazing. People who just would open their home to him. Jesus loved them. And loved to hang out with them in their home in Bethany. He needed (humanly) their love, time, presence, and friendship. But, when they really needed him – when Lazarus got sick – he took his sweet time getting there. Lazarus would be dead for four days before Jesus got there! But, just because he waited, didn't mean he didn't love them. Maybe he waited *because* he loved them. To show that his job was the *outcome*. All they needed to do is to trust the *process*. Jesus sees the whole story. Martha and Mary can't. And that's how their trust is exercised.

Sometimes, Jesus arrives after we think it's too late. After the diagnosis; after the relationship is broken; after the dream dies; when Lazarus has been dead four days; etc., **but doesn't it seem like Jesus specializes in fourth-day situations!?**

The question he'll ask us, repeatedly, is, *"Do you believe this? That I AM the Resurrection and the Life? That I can DO THIS?"* And then, to get to the point like Martha: *"yes, Lord. I have COME to believe that you are the Christ..."* Yes. I have "come," meaning arrived. In a sense: *"I've arrived at the conclusion (I've tested it, tried it, seen it) that you'll come through on your word. That YOU ARE who you say YOU ARE. You built up trust within me and got me this far. What makes me think you're going to drop me now?"*

You might feel absolutely *frustrated* with the way God does his job: *"it's not on my timetable; he's not quick enough..."* Friends, don't lose hope! God usually works in a process! And it's a process, for us, too...to *"COME TO BELIEVE."* To come to trust.

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PERSONAL INVITATION

If you haven't attended the Triduum of **Holy Thursday** 7pm, **Good Friday** 3pm, and yes – the **Easter Vigil** 8pm (you know...that "long" one) – you're missing out! *Especially* the Easter Vigil. It'll be close to two hours. But, yeah, so what. I could watch 2 hours of stupidity almost every day on my phone. I can give God 3 then!

These aren't your typical liturgies – not that any liturgy could ever be typical, since Christ is always present to us. Man, he shows up for us. All the time. But I want to personally invite you, as we are planning and preparing to make these days the best they could be for the Lord. See the bulletin for the official and correct schedule.

Reminder that this Tuesday, we'll have our Parish Reconciliation Celebration at 7:30pm, and this Friday, we'll have our Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm.

I could speak about so many other things – the success of the Annual Appeal; the Cardinal's update on We Are His Witnesses (which I invite you to read the Cardinal's letter if you haven't already. You can find it on our socials, or check your emails from us via Flocknote). As wonderful as those things are – let's keep the focus on what's right in front of us for now.

Friends, know you are loved.

Fr. Frank



→ See next page for full Holy Week + Easter schedule

The Sacrament of Baptism

We're delighted to welcome your child into the life of Christ. **Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Saturdays of each month at 12:00pm** (not celebrated during Lent, except in cases of serious need). First-time parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation class.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation, or Eucharist are invited to contact Frances Ferraro.



The Sacrament of Marriage

Congratulations! To begin marriage preparation, contact Fr. Frank Fano.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00–4:45 PM, or by appointment.

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound

If you or a loved one would like Holy Communion brought to your home, please contact the parish office.

Frances Ferraro: fferraro@stgabrielsr.org
Fr. Frank Fano: ffano@stgabrielsr.org

THE KNIGHTS CORNER



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the monthly **Men's Mass on March 28 at 8:00am**. All men of the parish, and guests, are welcome. The

Mass is followed by light snacks and discussion about issues of the day that affect us as Catholic men. This year, we will be exploring the **"Into the Breach"** series, inspired by the Apostolic Exhortation for Catholic Men written by Bishop Olmsted of Phoenix, and produced by the Knights of Columbus, which seeks to answer the question of what it means to be a man and how to live as a man in today's world.

Please **mark your calendars** for our **annual Easter plant sale**. We will be selling Hydrangeas and Easter Lilies after all Masses on **Palm Sunday**. Keep us in mind before you purchase somewhere else. These are **top quality plants** that can be transplanted in your garden once the spring weather arrives. And, as with all our fundraisers, **all proceeds go to local charities**.

Also on **Palm Sunday (March 29)**, the March **coffee social**, sponsored by the Knights, will be held after all Masses. This will be a great opportunity to catch up with your fellow parishioners. We hope to see you there.

If you are interested in **joining the St. Gabriel's Knights of Columbus**, contact a current member or send us an email at knights@stgabrielesr.org.

Did you know? The **Annunciation of the Lord** is celebrated on **March 25**. It **highlights Mary as the "New Eve"**, whose obedience reverses the disobedience of the first Eve. In the Catholic Church, it is a **Solemnity** and is often recognized by **praying the Angelus**, a prayer commemorating the mystery of the Incarnation. It is also the first of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

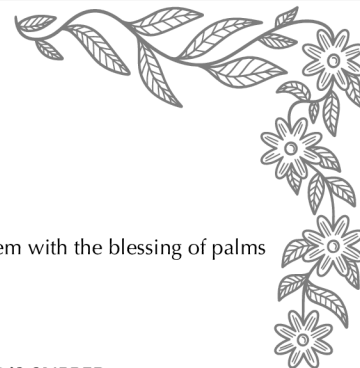
Friday, March 27 at 7:30pm

Experience Stations in a powerful new way.
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FINANCIAL REPORT

This week's financial report was not ready at the time of publication. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support.

Holy Week + Easter at St. Gabriel's



MARCH 29 | PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
SAT. EVE | 5PM

SUN. | 8AM, 10AM, *11:30AM, 6PM

We begin Holy Week remembering Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with the blessing of palms and the proclamation of the Passion.

**Not 12n.*

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

APRIL 2 | 7PM | HOLY THURSDAY – MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

This beautiful liturgy remembers the night Jesus gave us the Eucharist and the Priesthood, and washed the feet of his disciples. We conclude in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Church open until 12am, keeping watch with Christ in the Eucharist.

No morning Mass

APRIL 3 | 3PM | GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

We gather at the traditional hour of the Lord's death to hear the Passion, venerate the Cross, and receive Holy Communion.

No morning Mass.

APRIL 4 | 8PM | EASTER VIGIL – THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

The most beautiful liturgy of the entire year. Beginning in darkness and candlelight, we hear the great story of salvation and celebrate Christ's victory over death.

This Mass "counts" for Easter Sunday.

No morning Mass, no regular 4pm Confessions and no 5pm Mass.

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5 | 8AM, 10AM, *12N | EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

**Please note the time change from 11:30am to 12n. There is no 6pm Mass.*



OTHER CELEBRATIONS DURING HOLY WEEK

APRIL 3 | 7PM | TENEBRAE – SCRIPTURE & CHORAL MEDITATIONS

Good Friday. A powerful and prayerful service led by our choir. Through Scripture, music, and the gradual dimming of the church lights, we reflect on the final hours of Christ. About 35 minutes. *All are encouraged, however, to attend the principal celebration at 3pm.*

APRIL 4 | 9AM | HOLY SATURDAY – BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

Bring a basket of Easter food to be blessed – a joyful tradition before the Easter celebration at home. Gather in Church.



ANNUAL²⁰²⁶ APPEAL



Please prayerfully consider participating.

You may give online at rcan.org/sharing (select our parish), or scan the QR code.

PRESIDERS' SCHEDULE

March 21- 22

Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Charlie
Sun 8:00am- Fr. Anthony
Sun 10:00am- Fr. Frank
Sun 11:30am- Fr. Frank
Sun 6:00pm- Fr. Frank

March 28- 29

Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Frank
Sun 8:00am- Fr. Frank
Sun 10:00am- Fr. Frank
Sun 11:30am- Fr. Charlie
Sun 6:00pm- Fr. Frank



**OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY HOLDS
IN PRAYER ALL WHO
ARE SICK OR
HOMEBOUND.**

Salvatore Averso
Dawn Conguis
Meg Gallagher
Bill Hamilton
Joan Massotti
Nicole Trotta
Patrick Scheid Scorese

Daniel Castillo
Ada Fields
Grace Gilbert
Bob Kleinknecht
Marco Minuto
Merilyn Wolf

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: March 21, 2026

9:00am † Diane Stewart - r/b The Mongelli Family
5:00pm Living and Deceased members of the Taite and Nobile Family - r/b Susan Taite Malone

Sunday: March 22, 2026

8:00am † Robert McDonnell Muscarelle - r/b Joe and Sharon Muscarelle
10:00am † The Ferro and Ross Families - r/b Patti Ross
11:30am † Annette Tedeschi - r/b Barbara Milone
6:00pm † Elizabeth D. Lawson - r/b The Bigley Family

Monday: March 23, 2026

6:30am Thomas & Michele Carabuena (Living Intentions) - r/b Blanche & John Carabuena
9:00am Marco Minuto (Living Intention)- r/b Margaret Minuto

Tuesday: March 24, 2026

6:30am For the people of the parish
9:00am † Sr. Monica Kevin - r/b Dave Stuhr

Wednesday: March 25, 2026

6:30am For the people of the parish
9:00am † Carol Lee Crowley - r/b Marie Cirillo

Thursday: March 26, 2026

6:30am For the people of the parish
9:00am † Jim Fitzpatrick - r/b David Stuhr

Friday: March 27, 2026

6:30am For the people of the parish
9:00am † Carol Lee Crowley - r/b David Stuhr

Saturday: March 28, 2026

9:00am † Donald Tarallo - r/b Bruce & Lynn Massey
5:00pm † Robert Re- r/b Sylvia Re

Sunday: March 29, 2026

8:00am † Robert McDonnell Muscarelle - r/b Joe and Sharon Muscarelle
10:00am † The Lynch Family - r/b Cathy Sutliff
11:30am † Eleanor Makhoul - r/b Dr & Mrs Gerard Makhoul and Family
6:00pm † Joseph J. Auriemma - r/b Shea Stevens

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of March 22 is requested for Gregg Hauser requested by Christine Hauser.

The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament and the Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week are available as memorials for loved ones.

To arrange, please contact the parish office at (201) 327-5663.

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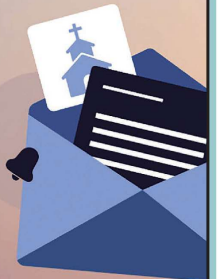
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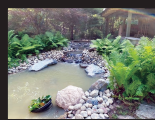
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